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EP 1 208 786 discloses a device and the device has an equipment housing and at least one accommodation element for accessories in the form of an enclosure (10), optionally several different enclosures with recesses (12-14) matching the contours of the accessories and in which accessories can be inserted for retention. The enclosures can be fitted in or on an accessory compartment or on or beneath a housing lid (7).

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